

2010 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Comprehensive Review Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Defense

2. Fiscal Year

2010

3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Comprehensive Review Committee

3b. GSA

Committee No.

34547

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/11/2008

6. Expected Renewal Date

02/11/2010

7. Expected Term Date

02/10/2010

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

02/10/2010

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Director of Administration and Management Memorandum, January 17, 2008

13. Effective Date

01/17/2008

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members

\$0.00 \$0.00

18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff

\$1,500,000.00 \$0.00

18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants

\$0.00 \$0.00

18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members

\$30,000.00 \$0.00

18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members

\$10,000.00 \$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$125,000.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$1,667,500.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	20.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee, considering the impact advanced technology, current and emerging threats, and evolving vulnerabilities have on the Nuclear Command and Control System, shall: (1) Examine the full range of NCCS policies, procedures, responsibilities, functions, capabilities, management and oversight necessary to: (a) Meet national and department/agency policy and guidance; and (b) Maintain the highest standards required for planning, directing, and controlling nuclear weapons, weapons systems, and associated operations; and (2) Recommend changes to NCCS policies, responsibilities, functions, capabilities, management structures, and oversight mechanisms, as well as identifying other enhancements to NCCS elements (facilities, equipment, personnel, communications and procedures).The Committee's review shall not address nuclear force size and structure, deterrence strategy, and arms control/threat reduction analyses.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and no more than five distinguished members, whose diverse expertise and background enable them to provide recommendations for improving the National Command and Control System to the NCCS Executive Agent. The Committee members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense for the duration of the Committee, and their appointments will be renewed on an annual basis. Those members, who are not full-time Federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109. Committee members, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation. The Secretary of Defense shall select the Committee's Chairperson.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Committee's Chairperson. The estimated number of Committee meetings is 20 per year.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

Since the 2003 promulgation of NSPD-28, United States Nuclear Weapons Command

and Control, Safety and Security, there has been no inter-departmental, comprehensive review of nuclear command and control responsibilities, capabilities, and management and oversight mechanisms. In the interim, significant policy and guidance changes, emerging threats and vulnerabilities, restructuring of NCCS Departments and Agencies, and technological opportunities and challenges have occurred. These factors affect the ability of the eight federal departments and agencies comprising the NCCS to maintain an appropriate balance between assuring the authorized use of nuclear weapons while assuring against their unauthorized or inadvertent use and to provide effective crisis support to the President. In response to this situation, the Secretary of Defense, in his role as the NCCS Executive Agent, approved the 2006 NSS Annual Report. This report contained a commitment, supported by all NCCS federal departments and agencies, to conduct a comprehensive, independent review of the NCCS. The Deputy Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the NCCS Committee of Principals (CoP), endorsed such a review at the July 2007 CoP meetings and established a goal of providing the incoming administration a report that provides a nuclear action plan for their future efforts.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed to the public unless the Department of Defense determines that items on the planned agenda meet the closed meeting provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Pursuant to DoD policy closed meetings can only be authorized by the DoD Sponsor (i.e., the Director of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff), and only after consultation with the Office of the Department of Defense General Counsel.

21. Remarks

The Committee has concluded its work; its report, which is classified Top Secret, has been forwarded to the Secretary of Defense and the National Command Authority.

Designated Federal Officer

William Jones DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Culvahouse, A.	04/30/2008	04/29/2010	Former White House Counsel	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
D'Agostino, Thomas	04/30/2008	04/29/2010	Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Grimes, John	04/30/2008	04/29/2010	Assistant Secretary of Defense	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Mies, Richard	04/30/2008	04/30/2010	Former Commander, US Strategic Command	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Robinson, C.	04/30/2008	04/29/2010	Former Director, Sandia National Laboratories	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Studeman, William	04/30/2008	04/29/2010	Former Director, National Security Agency	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 6

Narrative Description

The Committee will make recommendations to improve the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

The Committee's recommended improvements to the Nuclear Command and Control System are classified. As such, we are unable to articulate the savings in this forum.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The last time a FAC looked into the NCCS, the FAC made 10 priority recommendations and a total of 40 high-level recommendations. We expect this effort will produce a similar number.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Secretary of Defense and the National Command Authority have yet to decide on what recommendations to adopt, partially adopt or reject.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The committee will be disestablished by the time the Department of Defense and the National Command Authority decide on the committee's recommendations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities

☐

Reallocated resources

☐

Issued new regulation

☐

Proposed legislation

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Approved grants or other payments

☐

Other

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Action Comments

The Secretary of Defense and the National Command Authority have yet to decide on what recommendations to adopt, partially adopt or reject.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

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Online Agency Web Site

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Online Committee Web Site

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Online GSA FACA Web Site

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Publications

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Other

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Access Comments

Questions concerning the committee should be addressed to the DFO or the Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense